



**FEMA**

## **FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI)**

Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation Public Safety Building  
Mission, Oregon  
FEMA Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program  
July 2005

The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) has applied to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for assistance to build a new public safety building. FEMA is proposing to fund the project through the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program for fiscal year 2005.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and FEMA's implementing regulations, FEMA prepared a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) to identify and evaluate potential environmental impacts resulting from the alternatives presented in the EA and to determine whether to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). Alternatives evaluated in the EA include (1) the construction of a new public safety building at the Stanhope site (Preferred Alternative); (2) the construction of a new public safety building at the Wildhorse site; and (3) no action. Other sites were evaluated but discounted and are addressed in the EA. A Final EA was prepared after the Draft EA was submitted for public review and comments. FEMA received one comment on the draft EA.

### **CONDITIONS**

The following conditions and all other specifications spelled out in the EA must be met as part of this project to ensure compliance with tribal, state and federal environmental and historic laws. Failure to comply with these conditions may jeopardize federal funds.


1. The CTUIR is required to obtain all required local, state and federal permits and approvals prior to implementing the Preferred Alternative and to comply with them. This includes:
  - i. CTUIR Development Permit issued by the Tribal Planning Office.
  - ii. Well Abandonment Permit and Stream Alteration Permit (if applicable) issued by the Tribal Water Resources Department.
  - iii. Public Works Permit for Construction of Water and Sewer Lines, issued by Tribal Public Works Department.
  - iv. Various State and County permits for road access.
2. Any change to the approved scope of work will require re-evaluation by FEMA for compliance with NEPA and other laws and executive orders.

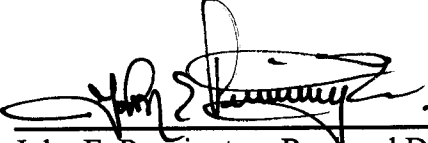
3. In the event historical or archaeologically significant materials or sites (or evidence thereof) are discovered during the implementation of the project, the project shall be halted immediately and all reasonable measures taken to avoid or minimize harm to the findings. The CTUIR shall notify FEMA and consult with the Cultural Resources Protection Program for further guidance.

## CONCLUSIONS

Based upon the attached EA and in accordance with FEMA's regulations in 44 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 10 for environmental consideration, including Executive Orders (EOs) addressing floodplains (EO 11988), wetlands (EO 11990) and environmental justice (EO 12898), FEMA determined the proposed project with the prescribed conditions will not significantly affect the quality of the natural and human environment. As a result of this FONSI, an EIS will not be prepared (44 CFR Part 10.8) and the project as described in the attached EA may proceed.

## Approvals

  
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